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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1977

FOLLOWING ARE THE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 9:

1. SHAH BACKS US-UK RHODESIA PLAN.

THE SHAH IS WILLING TO TELL BOTH HE FEELS THE US-UK  
PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA ARE THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION.  
IRAN IS WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO A UN DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR  
RHODESIA AND WILL TAKE WHITE REFUGEES IF NECESSARY.  
(TEHRAN 7064, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. PRC FACES GENERATION GAP.

PEKING'S ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS, EXPECTED SOON, WILL  
LIKELY SHIFT THE CONSTITUTION'S TONE AWAY FROM CULTURAL  
REVOLUTION AND TOWARD DISCIPLINE, HARD WORK, AND STATE  
POWER. A KEY PROBLEM WILL BE HOW TO LET MID-LEVEL BUREAU-  
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CRATS AND REPRESENTATIVE ARMY OFFICERS ONTO THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE WITHOUT DARKENING THE CAREER PROSPECTS OF  
YOUNGER PARTY MEMBERS. (HONG KONG 8698, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. US SOMALIA POLICY APPEARS MURKY FROM TEHRAN

AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN NOTES THAT THE US TOOK THE INITIATIVE

TO GET IRAN INVOLVED IN THE SOMALIA PROBLEM, BUT THAT  
WE HAVE NOW CANCELLED A MILITARY MISSION THERE.  
"I AM UNABLE TO ARTICULATE A US POSITION BECAUSE  
I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DISCERN ONE," HE CONCLUDES.  
(TEHRAN 7063, SECRET/EXDIS)

4. BARRE PLANS TRAVEL TO BOOST DOMESTIC IMAGE.

FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BARRE PLANS TRIPS TO THE USSR,  
SYRIA, WEST GERMANY, CHINA, AND MAYBE AFRICA, AS WELL  
AS TO THE US, TO ENHANCE HIS "STATESMAN" IMAGE FOR THE  
MARCH ELECTIONS. SOVIET EAGERNESS FOR BARRE TO COME  
MAY INDICATE MOSCOW'S PREFERENCE FOR THE POLITICAL  
STATUS QUO IN FRANCE. (PARIS 23049, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ETHIOPIA WINS A ROUND AT THE OAU.

A DRAFT REPORT OF THE ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA MEDIATION  
COMMITTEE AT THE OAU MEETING IN LIBREVILLE CALLS ON  
BOTH SIDES TO STOP FIGHTING AND ON ALL OTHERS TO KEEP  
OUT. EMBASSY LIBREVILLE BELIEVES THE DRAFT A "CLEAR  
VICTORY" FOR ETHIOPIA, AND PREDICTS THE FINAL REPORT  
MAY BE EVEN STRONGER. (LIBREVILLE 2056,  
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